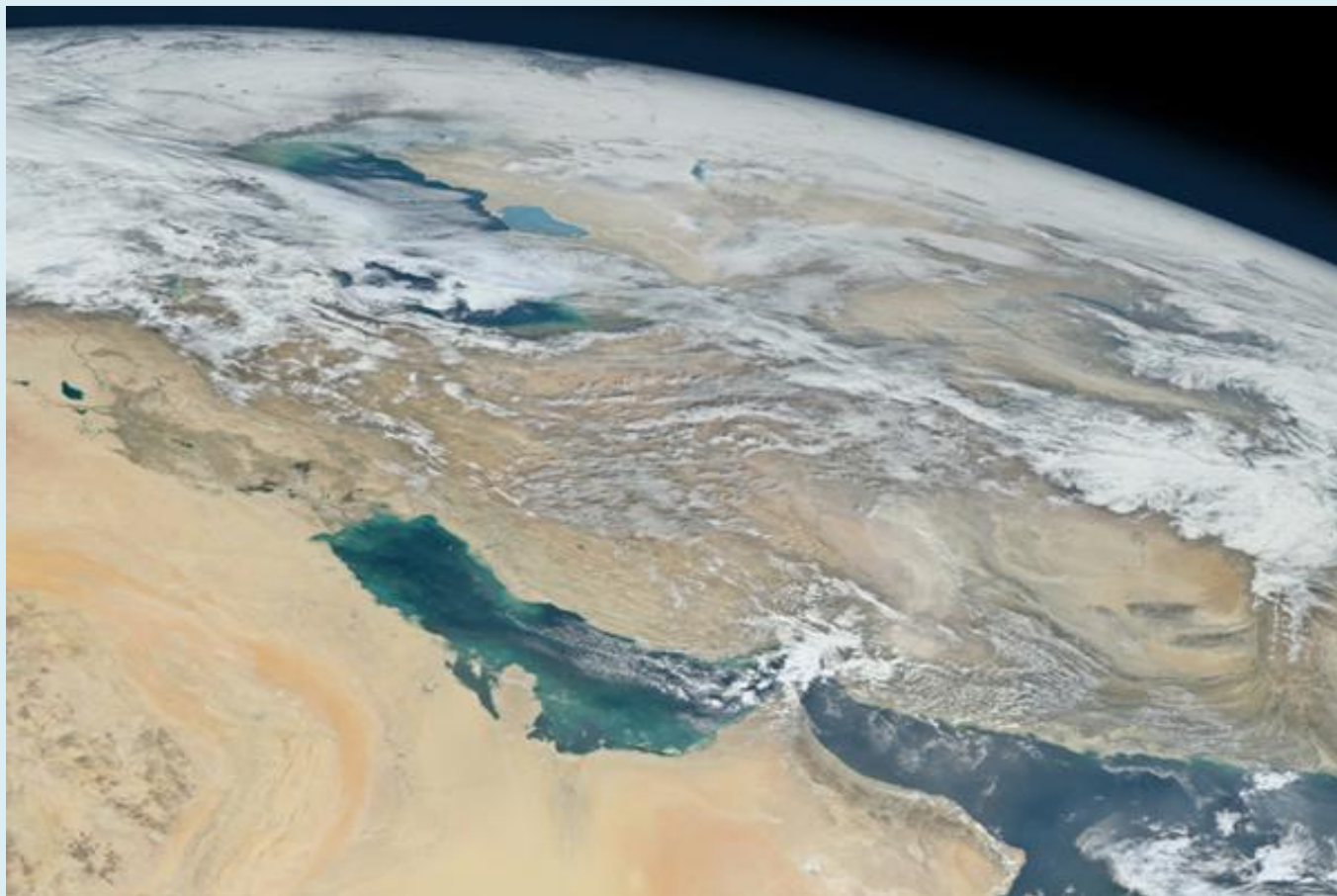


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Iran

Politics

September 10

Khamenei: The Westerners believe that they have lost in their competition with the revolutionary Islamic thought (Persian)

<http://tinyurl.com/o2q2evl>

September 15

Mohsen Araki: "Respect for women in the West is only sexually-related" (Persian)

<http://digarban.com/node/14413>

September 24

It was due to Iran's weakness that Khamenei adopted the tactics of "Bold Flexibility" (narmesh-e qahramananeh) (Persian)

<http://www.digarban.com/node/14551>

October 16

Known preacher in Tehran, Mansur Arzi, Khamenei supporter: "I pray to God to bring Rafsanjani's death" (Persian)

<http://tinyurl.com/ne2bppw>

October 20

Ahmadinezhad's brother: "We have documents against the ministers of Rouhani's cabinet" (Persian)

<http://www.digarban.com/node/15034>

October 20

Head of Rouhani's office is member of the Hojjatieh (Persian)

<http://farsnews.com/newstext.php?nn=13920726000170>

Corruption

September 1

The exit of 170 billion Tomans from Martyr's Fund out of Iran (Persian)

<http://digarban.com/node/14165>

September 1

Getting to know Babak Zanjani – an Iranian businessman connected to the Islamic regime (Persian)

<http://tinyurl.com/o86lhbh>

Nuclear

October 3

The sum of all fears: Israel's perception of a nuclear-armed Iran (English)

http://csis.org/files/publication/TWQ_13Summer_Eiran-Malin.pdf

October 7

Iran's foreign minister: 5+1's Almaty proposal has faded into history (English)

<http://www.tehrantimes.com/politics/111325-51s-almaty-proposal-has-faded-into-history-iranian-fm->

October 10

Ali Larijani to CNN: Iran is ready for nuclear deal, but the 5+1 must recognize our right to enrich uranium (English)

<http://amanpour.blogs.cnn.com/2013/10/08/iran-we-are-ready-for-a-nuclear-deal/>

October 15

On the way to the negotiations: Zarif in the airplane (photos)

<http://rajanews.com/detail.asp?id=171094>

Military

October 21

Iran's Air Force Deputy Commander: Training Russian pilots in Iran is the focus of discussions of Russia Air Force Commander visiting in Tehran (Persian)

<http://www.mehrnews.com/detail/News/2158503>

Society

September 1

Iran holds third place in the world in mortality rate as result of road accidents (Persian)

<http://iranwire.com/fa/blogs/omid-memarian/2360>

September 1

"Divorce party" is on the rise in Tehran (Persian)

<http://ostanban.com/node/651>

September 2

The secrets of a cemetery near Chabahar, Iran (Persian)

<http://tinyurl.com/pmxxacj>

October 10

Iran's Islamic family republic (Persian)

<http://www.radiozamaneh.com/103086>

October 20

New trend in Iran: couples continue to live together even after divorce (Persian)

<http://taghato.net/article/3174>

Economy

September 3

Iranian student offering one of her kidneys for sale in order to pay her school tuition (Persian)

<https://www.facebook.com/photo.php?fbid=540278366028152&set=a.184376938284965.52108.184366904952635&type=1&theater>

September 9

With 10.7% of the GDP, Iran is 9th in the world on the scale of foreign debt (Persian)

<http://www.entekhab.ir/fa/news/128112>

September 10

The association of dairy products in Iran: The price of butter has doubled with the new price being 2477 Tomans (Persian)

<http://digarban.com/node/14320>

September 17

IRGC spokesman: The Nationalist-Religious companies (Melli-Mazhabis) are IRGC's rivals in development projects (Persian)

<http://www.etemaad.ir/Released/92-06-26/150.htm#251860>

Human rights

September 1

The return of the Guidance Patrols to the entertainment sites of Tehran (Persian)

<http://www.roozonline.com/persian/news/newsitem/article/-e1d94a5ad9.html>

Demonstrations and Protests

October 20

Clashes and shooting by the police in the popular demonstration in Bandar Abbas (Persian)

<http://ostanban.com/node/817>

Islam

September 9

An anti-Dervish atmosphere in the cities of the Fars province (Persian)

<http://rsmw.org/News/e29e27d2-d907-4cba-b15c-61114cc2c29e/>

Media and Internet

September 29

The Iranian regime removed the blockage from Iran to CNN website after blocking it due to the 2009 riots (Persian)

<http://tinyurl.com/qar3vh6>

International relations

Iran and the war in Syria

September 1

Al-alam: As the first missile hit Syria, sensitive facilities around Haifa be hit, as the petrochemical plants (Persian)

<http://fa.alalam.ir/news/1511181>

September 2

Hashemi Rafsanjani accused the Assad regime for chemically attacking people in Syria (Persian)

<http://tinyurl.com/ovu8sfg>

September 2

Chemical Catastrophe in Damascus: Seyyed Mohammad Sadeq Kharrazi (English)

<http://www.iranreview.org/content/Documents/Chemical-Catastrophe-in-Damascus.htm>

September 2

Syria, chemical weapons and Tehran's "Red Lines" (English)

<https://www.hrw.org/news/2013/08/31/dispatches-syria-chemical-weapons-and-tehran-s-red-lines>

September 2

Iran's Foreign Minister Mohammad Javad Zarif: "We informed US of chemical weapons transfer to Syria 9 months ago" (English)

Source: Aseman Weekly <http://www.asemanweekly.com> Excerpted & Translated by: Iran Review.Org
<http://www.iranreview.org/content/Documents/We-Informed-US-of-Chemical-Weapons-Transfer-to-Syria-9-Months-Ago.htm>

September 2

Rouhani hangs back on Syria (English)

<http://www.majalla.com/eng/2013/08/article55245101>

September 2

Iran's UN envoy stresses Iran's opposition to chemical weapons use in Syria (English)

<http://english.farsnews.com/newstext.aspx?nn=13920609001042>

September 10

Rouhani: The Syrian question is important for us due to Syria being on the line of resistance (Persian)

<http://nasimonline.ir/TextVersion/Detail/?Id=608908&Serv=9>

September 12

IRGC fighters assisting the forces of the Assad regime in Syria (Persian)

<https://www.facebook.com/photo.php?v=413012788821035>

September 15

Former IRGC Official, Hossein Alai: Iran's support in Assad severely damaged her influence in the Arab world (Persian)

http://sharghdaily.ir/Modules/News/PrintVer.aspx?News_Id=20190&V_News_Id=&Src=Main

September 17

Commander of IRGC Jafari: IRGC will do duty in case of US military move in Syria (English)

<http://www.tasnimnews.com/english/Home/Single/141725>

October 8

U.S. opens door to Iran taking part in Syria peace conference (English)

<http://tinyurl.com/q2phtyk>

October 29

Iran's secret night flights to arm Syria's Assad revealed (English)

<http://www.thenational.ae/world/middle-east/irans-secret-night-flights-to-arm-syrias-assad-revealed#full>

Iran- U.S.

September 6

Sardar Naqdi, commander of the Basij: 40% of the children in the USA are bastards (Persian)

<http://digarban.com/node/14241>

October 1

Iranian FM Spokeswoman Afkham: The US is currently in a test, we'll see if they would endure Israel's war provoke (Persian)

<http://www.mehrnews.com/detail/News/2146597>

October 20

Hojjat ol-Eslam Hamid Rouhani: 'Death to America' is a Quranic Instruction which was stressed by Khomeini (Persian)

<http://farsnews.com/newstext.php?nn=13920723000338>

Iran- North Korea

October 20

Rouhani's first deputy: Iran supports the peace and freedom seeking position of North Korea (Persian)

<http://www.hra-news.org/685/1389-01-27-05-27-21/16849-1.html>

Iran- Saudi Arabia

September 10

Permanent residency relief for foreign wives of Saudis (English)

<http://www.arabnews.com/news/464135>

Iran- Iraq

MEK in Iraq

September 2

Massacre of Camp Ashraf Iranians (English)

<http://www.ncr-iran.org/en/news/ashraf-liberty/14495-warning-graphic-photos-of-massacre-at-camp-ashraf>

September 6

Were the Camp Ashraf victims bait for a more sinister goal? (English)

<http://iranian.com/posts/view/post/20299>

The Arab countries of the Persian Gulf

The Persian Gulf

September 10

Gulf States turn to solar energy (English)

<http://www.al-monitor.com/pulse/culture/2013/09/gulf-states-develop-alternative-energy.html>

September 11

Indian ship accused of oil dumping, Gulf Countries on alert (English)

<http://ens-newswire.com/2013/08/06/indian-ship-accused-of-oil-dumping-gulf-countries-on-alert/>

September 12

GCC security meeting to discuss actions against Hezbollah supporters in the GCC (Arabic)

<http://tinyurl.com/q3r9b84>

September 30

Kings for all seasons: How the Middle East's monarchies survived the Arab Spring (English)

<http://www.brookings.edu/research/papers/2013/09/24-resilience-arab-monarchies-gause>

October 13

Gulf cities emerge as new centers of Arab world (English)

<http://www.al-monitor.com/pulse/originals/2013/10/abuDhabi-dubai-doha-arab-centers.html>

October 31

GCC looking to set up Gulf police

<http://gulfnews.com/news/gulf/kuwait/gcc-looking-to-set-up-gulf-police-1.1249177>

Qatar

September 1

Qatar launches its first satellite into space (English)

<http://www.gulf-times.com/qatar/178/details/364301/satellite-launch-is-a-giant-leap-for-qatar>

September 11

Wahhabism vs. Wahhabism: Qatar Challenges Saudi Arabia (English)

<http://www.middle-east-online.com/english/?id=61189>

September 11

Sheikha Moza meets Duke of York (English)

<http://thepeninsulaqatar.com/qatar/252557-sheikha-moza-meets-duke-of-york.html>

September 11

Qatar tops MEA region in EIU business environment ranking (English)

<http://www.gulf-times.com/qatar/178/details/364937/qatar-tops-mea-region-in-eiu-business-environment-ranking>

September 11

Environment is Qapco's main focus (English)

<http://privatesectorqatar.com/english/2013/07/environment-is-qapcos-main-focus/>

September 11

MoE to rid Qatar of stray animals (English)

<http://www.qatar-tribune.com/viewnews.aspx?n=64A0F31F-1708-45EB-A089-D3140F8115F7&d=20130830>

September 11

Japan urges Qatar to lift curbs on food imports (English)

<http://privatesectorqatar.com/english/2013/08/japan-urges-qatar-to-lift-curbs-on-food-imports/>

September 11

Putting an ultra modern roof over the Sidra Medical and Research Centre in Qatar (English)

<http://www.diabgroup.com/en-GB/News/News/2013/Putting-an-ultra-modern-roof-over-the-Sidra-Medical-and-Research-Center-in-Qatar>

September 12

Book discussion focuses on critical era (English)

<http://gulfnews.com/news/gulf/qatar/book-discussion-focuses-on-critical-era-1.1229349>

Bahrain

September 11

Bahrain's Supreme Council for Environmental discusses sustainable development applications (English)

<http://www.breitbart.com/system/wire/upi20130908-125030-5203>

September 11

The Supreme Council for the Environment organizes a national training course on how to cope with radioactivity at workplaces (English)

<http://www.bna.bh/portal/en/news/575320>

September 11

Bahrain may soon set up a nuclear radiation monitoring centre (English)

<http://www.gulf-daily-news.com/NewsDetails.aspx?storyid=358742>

September 11

Dr. Mirza discusses cooperation and coordination between the Electricity and Water Authority (EWA) and the Supreme Council for the Environment (BSCE) (English)

<http://www.mew.gov.bh/default.asp?action=article&ID=1428>

September 11

SCE establishes national model for environment protection and sustainability (English)

<http://www.bna.bh/portal/en/news/574547>

September 12

Is Bahrain's fate tied to Syrian war? (English)

<http://www.al-monitor.com/pulse/originals/2013/09/bahrain-syria-us-strikes.html>

September 30

Bahrain: pro government calls for annexation by Saudi Arabia (Arabic)

<http://www.alwatannews.net/ArticleViewer.aspx?ID=f1adsemBpAknhDsgaHXt4A933339933339>

October 2

Pan-Gulf radio formally launched in Bahrain (English)

<http://gulfnews.com/news/gulf/bahrain/pan-gulf-radio-formally-launched-in-bahrain-1.1238075>

October 17

Ignoring Bahrain's iron fist (English)

http://mideast.foreignpolicy.com/posts/2013/10/14/the_peril_of_ignoring_bahrain_s_iron_fist

October 27

Bahrain court releases Al Wefaq leader Khalil Marzouq (English)

<http://gulfnews.com/news/gulf/bahrain/bahrain-court-releases-al-wefaq-leader-khalil-marzouq-1.1246798>

October 27

Can Bahrain find a path forward? (English)

<http://carnegieendowment.org/2013/10/24/can-bahrain-find-path-forward/gr4z>

October 31

Bahraini MPs: Suspend ties with US envoy as reaction to the improving ties between US-Iran

<http://www.gulf-daily-news.com/NewsDetails.aspx?storyid=364004>

Kuwait

September 9

Kuwaiti Sheik's influence in Olympic World grows (English)

<http://www.nytimes.com/2013/09/06/sports/olympics/kuwaiti-sheiks-influence-in-olympic-world-grows.html?smid=tw-share&r=2&>

October 3

The Bidun (without citizenship) demonstrations in Kuwait - 2/10/2013 (Photos, Arabic)

<http://www.alaan.cc/pagedetails.asp?nid=154520&cid=35>

October 3

Arrest of a prominent Kuwait TV presenter (@Alwashi7i) (English)

<http://gulfnews.com/news/gulf/kuwait/kuwait-jails-writer-for-tweets-defaming-shaikh-nasser-1.1238561>

October 3

Kuwaiti preacher barred from Makkah pilgrimage (English)

<http://gulfnews.com/news/gulf/kuwait/kuwaiti-preacher-barred-from-makkah-pilgrimage-1.1238437>

October 10

PM under fire over deal with an Israeli company – Traffic department accused of 'abuse of power' (English)

<http://news.kuwaittimes.net/pm-fire-deal-israeli-company-traffic-department-accused-abuse-power/>

October 14

3 Kuwait ministers in hot seat over mixed coffee shops (English)

<http://gulfnews.com/news/gulf/kuwait/3-kuwait-ministers-in-hot-seat-over-mixed-coffee-shops-1.1242586>

Saudi Arabia

September 11

16 nuclear reactors to be ready by 2030 (English)

<http://arabnews.com/news/462415>

October 10

A Saudi cleric sentenced to 8 years imprisonment for raping his daughter and killing her (Persian)

http://iranazad-davod.blogspot.co.il/2013/10/blog-post_9205.html

October 16

PIRA: US has overtaken Saudi Arabia and is now world's top oil supplier (English)

<http://www.arabnews.com/news/467848>

October 20

Saudi Arabia deepens its isolation (English)

<http://www.al-monitor.com/pulse/originals/2013/10/saudi-arabia-un-diplomacy-setback-gcc-yemen-intervention.html>

October 23

Saudi Arabia warns of shift away from U.S. over Syria, Iran (English)

<http://tinyurl.com/q3v6bad>

October 31

Saudi court jails Jordanian convicted of spying for Israel (English)

<http://gulfnews.com/news/region/palestinian-territories/saudi-court-jails-jordanian-convicted-of-spying-for-israel-1.1249350>

Women in Saudi Arabia

September 1

The case for harem of husbands (English)

<http://www.marieclaire.com/sex-love/relationship-issues/harem-of-husbands>

October 2

The Saudi duality on women (English)

<http://www.al-monitor.com/pulse/originals/2013/09/saudi-women-drive-viral-video-cleric.html>

October 28

16 women detained for breaking Saudi Arabia driving ban (English)

<http://gulfnews.com/news/gulf/saudi-arabia/16-women-detained-for-breaking-saudi-arabia-driving-ban-1.1247740>

United Arab Emirates

September 2

An Australian woman gang raped and jailed for having illicit sex under Sharia law (English)

<http://www.atheistrepublic.com/news/australian-woman-gang-raped-and-jailed-having-illicit-sex-under-sharia-law>

September 9

UAE is 14th happiest country in the world (English)

<http://gulfnews.com/news/gulf/uae/government/uae-is-14th-happiest-country-in-the-world-1.1228822>

September 11

Environment Agency - Abu Dhabi joins hand to promote The Great Nature Project (English)

<http://www.uaeinteract.com/docs/Environment-Agency--Abu-Dhabi-joins-hand-to-promote-The-Great-Nature-Project/56919.htm>

September 11

'My environment, my country' project to be rolled out in UAE (English)

<http://dubaiinformer.com/116577/my-environment-my-country-project-to-be-rolled-out-in-uae/>

October 27

Dubai World Central airport opens to passengers (English)

<http://gulfnews.com/business/aviation/dubai-world-central-airport-opens-to-passengers-1.1247060>

October 30

UAE 'not threatened' by US shale boom, oil minister says (English)

<http://www.cnbc.com/id/101150324>

Iraq

September 1

Violent struggle accrued in Iraq parliament after a disagreement on Khomeini and Khamenei photos hanging across Iraq (Persian)

<http://tinyurl.com/nt4zkzo>

September 11

Mesopotamian Marshlands declared Iraq's first National Park (English)

<http://ens-newswire.com/2013/08/02/mesopotamian-marshlands-declared-iraqs-first-national-park/>

Kurdistan

September 11

New petrol distribution regulations for Iraqi Kurdistan (English)

<http://www.iraq-businessnews.com/2013/08/21/new-petrol-distribution-regulations-for-iraqi-kurdistan/>

Oman

September 1

Oman sultan's visit reportedly a mediation bid between Iran and US (English)

<http://www.latimes.com/world/worldnow/la-fg-wn-us-iran-oman-nuclear-standoff-20130830,0,6785814.story>

September 2

Article on homosexuality kicks up controversy in Oman (English)

<http://gulfnews.com/news/gulf/oman/article-on-gays-stirs-a-hornet-s-nest-in-oman-1.1226164>

September 10

Detained Shura member facing two charges (English)

<http://gulfnews.com/news/gulf/oman/detained-shura-member-facing-two-charges-1.1228974>

September 11

Oman leads bid to save Arabia's last leopards from poachers, developers and herders (English)

<http://www.neurope.eu/news/wire/oman-leads-bid-save-arabias-last-leopards-poachers-developers-and-herders>

September 11

New pipeline to ship Iranian gas to Oman (English)

<http://www.globalconreview.com/news/new-pipeline-ship-iranian-gas-oman/>

September 11

Moving Oman towards Zero waste (English)

<http://www.eyeofriyadh.com/news/details/moving-oman-towards-zero-waste>

September 11

Sultanate mulls ban on plastic bags- report (English)

<http://oneoman.com/2013/08/24/sultanate-mulls-ban-on-plastic-bags-report/>

September 11

Anti-pollution protest blocks industrial port in Oman (English)

<http://earthfirstnews.wordpress.com/2013/08/25/anti-pollution-protest-blocks-industrial-port-in-oman/>

Other countries of the Arab world

Syria

September 11

GCC rejects Russia plan (English)

<http://gulftoday.ae/portal/9108e062-28ae-4476-8d45-28b9c2afabd5.aspx>

September 11

Syria intervention plan fueled by oil interests, not chemical weapon concern (English)

<http://www.theguardian.com/environment/earth-insight/2013/aug/30/syria-chemical-attack-war-intervention-oil-gas-energy-pipelines>

October 23

Report: Israeli warplanes bomb Hezbollah missile shipment on Lebanon-Syria border (English)

<http://www.haaretz.com/news/middle-east/.premium-1.553965>

October 31

Hezbollah prepares for Syria showdown in al-Qalamoun (English)

<http://www.thedailybeast.com/articles/2013/10/29/hezbollah-prepares-for-syria-showdown-in-al-qalamoun.html>

Caricatures

September 1

Caricature in Iran: If the US will attack in Syria it would set fire in a gunpowder warehouse

<http://www.nasimonline.ir/NSite/FullStory/News/?Id=598074>

October 21

Caricature in Fars News Agency, associate to the IRGC: Obama is Israel's hostage

<http://farsnews.com/plarg.php?nn=591844&st=1051160>
